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SUBJECT: (C) ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON - DUTCH PLAN ADDITIONAL
COMMITMENTS IN STOCKHOLM

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Classified By: Acting Economic Counselor Karen Enstrom, for reasons 1.4
(b) and (d)

¶1. (U) On August 30, Econoff shared reftel points on U.S. assistance to Lebanon with Maaike van Koldam, Deputy Head, Humanitarian Aid Division, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). Van Koldam confirmed that Dutch assistance to date totaled 4.8 million euros committed and pledged.

¶2. (C) Van Koldam said that the Dutch were considering additional commitments, and that the delegation would likely pledge an additional 2 million euros -- to be channeled through UNICEF and the WFP -- at the conference in Stockholm. She added that the Dutch "may" provide up to an additional 4 million euros for the UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS). She asked that this information be considered "close-hold" and asked that it not be shared outside the USG.

¶3. (SBU) Van Koldam said representatives from the MFA's Middle East Department would attend the conference in Stockholm. Econoff requested additional details. Post will report any further information received in advance of the Stockholm conference.

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